Expenditure incurred on MBBS and MD students

533. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred by Government on MBBS and MD students in Government Medical Colleges;

(b) whether part of this expenditure is recovered from the students;

(c) the number of doctors out of them who have gone abroad during the last three years;

(d) whether Government proposes to lay down condition for the doctors who graduate from the Government Medical Colleges to work in rural and backward areas for a certain period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) There is no uniformity in expenditure incurred by Government on medical education per student at under-graduate and post graduate levels as the figure varies from State to State. As para study commissioned by the Medical Council of India in 1998, the average cost of medical education per student in Government medical college is about Rs. 3.15 lakh per annum at under graduate level during the period 1994-95 to 1996-97. As per an earlier report of 1994, the cost of medical education per post graduate student ranges from R s. 71,000/- to Rs. 1.46 lakhs per annum in Government medical colleges. The fee being charged for these courses from the students is very nominal.

(c) Such data are not maintained by the Government as the Emigration Act provide that, among others, doctors are not required to obtain any clearance from the office of the Protector of Emigrants before seeking employment abroad.

(d) and (e) The National Health Policy 2002 announced recently states that State Governments could rigorously enforce a mandatory two-year rural posting before the awarding of the graduate degree. Some State Governments have already made rural service compulsory before admission to P.G. Courses or at the time of initial appointment.